



**COUNTY OF PLACER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

CHRISTINE E. TURNER
Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights & Measures

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

Tony Aguilar	Richard Johnson
James Brenner	William Morebeck
Patricia Beard	John Nitta
Paul Ferrari	Vicky Morris
Wayne Vineyard	

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MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

February 12, 2007

Members Present: Tony Aguilar, Patti Beard, William Morebeck, Jim Brenner, John Nitta, Richard Johnson, Wayne Vineyard
Members Absent: Paul Ferrari

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Wayne Vineyard.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY AND MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2007.**
JANUARY NOT AVAILABLE
MOTION: Tonya Aguilar
SECOND: Pattie Beard
UNANIMOUS VOTE
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT (The Commission does not act on items under Public Comment).**
- IV. **REVIEW OF 1997 WILLIAMSON ACT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES-** Christine E. Turner
The Commission discussed issues with some of the language in the existing 1997 Williamson Act Administrative Rules and that some of the rules need to be clarified. The Board of Supervisors, Agriculture Commission, Planning, Department of Conservation, and U.C. Coop will discuss these issues and recommendations from the Agricultural Commission at a workshop sometime in March. The Commission would like to recommend uniqueness, and self-sustaining commercially viable more defined. The minimum acreage for non-prime is currently not allowed. Recommend this to be 20 acres and to define Prime agricultural land. Raise the minimum yearly income from \$4,500. Why are types of crop important? Suggest submitting a Business Plan that would include a Marketing Plan, Irrigation Management Plan and a Soil Management/Runoff Plan. Under the current contract, there is no physical inspection of the site to insure production of a crop and submitting a Business Plan would require them to continue farming.
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **Agricultural Marketing Program Activities** - Christine Turner for Nancyjo Riekse.
 - Report of Agricultural Marketing Activities for February
 - B. **Economic Development Board (EDB) Update** - Lyndell Grey. No report
 - C. **Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor** - Roger Ingram. No report
 - D. **Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor** - Cindy Fake
 - Farm & Barn meeting February 28th at Senior Center at Dewitt
 - E. **Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas/Minutes** - Patti Beard. No report
 - F. **Placer Parkway Meeting Update** - William Morebeck. No report

G. Agricultural Water Supply Subcommittee/Ag Water Waivers - Christine E. Turner, Agricultural Commissioner.

- Watershed meeting February 7 – Placer County
- Watershed meeting February 8 – Nevada County

VIII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Christine E. Turner, Agricultural Commissioner.

- Vicky Morris was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 6th to replace Jane Tahti on the Agricultural Commission
- Disaster Declaration for freeze. Low interest loans
- BOS workshop with PCCP; issue - vernal pools. Dr. Scott testified to BOS about misconception of vernal pools, and the viable roll they play.

IX. NEW BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS - None.

X. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Agricultural Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the Planning Commission Hearing Room in Auburn.

Recording Secretary
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